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THAT WE CAN DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN TREATMENT OF CHINA AND THE USSR, FOR EXAMPLE. WE ALSO MENTIONED OUR PLANS TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION TO AMEND EXISTING LAWS WHICH LUMP CHINA WITH THE SOVIET UNION. I HOPE TO HAVE YOUR SUPPORT IN THIS EFFORT.

5. IN THIS SAME CONTEXT, WE INDICATED TO THE CHINESE THAT PRESIDENT REAGAN INTENDS TO MOVE IN THE DIRECTION OF EXAMINING REQUESTS FOR THE TRANSFER OF MILITARY WEAPONS AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE SAME MANNER AS WE DO THOSE OF ALL OTHER FRIENDLY NATIONS WITH WHOM WE DO NOT HAVE AN ADVERSARIAL RELATIONSHIP. THIS WILL BE EXPLORED FURTHER WHEN PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY VICE CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF LIU HUAQING VISITS THE U.S. IN AUGUST, BUT I CAN SAY NOW THAT WE HAVE MADE NO DECISIONS ON PROVIDING ANY SPECIFIC WEAPONS TO CHINA PENDING THEIR MAKING THEIR INTERESTS KNOWN. WE WOULD THEN PROCEED ON A CAREFUL, CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. WE WILL, OF COURSE, CONSULT CLOSELY WITH OUR ALLIES AND FRIENDS ABROAD AS WELL AS WITH MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS.

6. AS YOU KNOW, THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE SPECULATION BEFORE MY DEPARTURE THAT THE CHINESE WOULD GIVE ME A TOUGH MESSAGE ON TAIWAN. WHILE NOTHING OCCURRED WHICH WOULD DISTRACT US NOW FROM THE LARGER STRATEGIC IMPERATIVES OF OUR RELATIONSHIP, DENG AND HIS SUBORDINATES DID MAKE CLEAR THAT THE WAY IN WHICH THE U.S. DEALS WITH TAIWAN, AND THE QUESTION OF U.S. DEFENSIVE ARMS SALES TO TAIWAN IS ONE OF GREAT SENSITIVITY FOR THE PRC. I WOULD EXPECT THAT ANY SIGNIFICANT SALES WILL GENERATE OPPOSITION FROM THE PRC. WE ASSURED DENG THAT WE WOULD KEEP OUR RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN UNOFFICIAL, EVEN AS WE TREAT OUR OLD FRIENDS MORE CONFIDENTIAL

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HONORABLY, AND WITH GREATER DIGNITY, AND THAT WE WOULD FULLY IMPLEMENT THE PRINCIPLES OF THE U.S. CHINA JOINT/NORMALIZATION COMMUNIQUE. ON ARMS SALES, I SAID THESE WOULD GO FORWARD, BUT WE WOULD TAKE CHINESE SENSITIVITIES INTO ACCOUNT.

7. I THINK WE SHOULD BE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT OUR TALKS IN CHINA. TO BE SURE WE HAVE DIFFERENCES AND WE WILL HAVE TO PROCEED WITH CAUTION ON THE TAIWAN ARMS SALE QUESTION. NONETHELESS, OUR STRATEGIC ASSOCIATION IS VITAL TO OUR INTERESTS AND ONE WHICH WE MUST PROTECT. WE CAN ACHIEVE THIS GOAL AND STRENGTHEN OUR COOPERATION BY DEMONSTRATING OUR RESOLVE AND RELIABILITY TO FRIENDS AND ALLIES AND BY EFFECTIVELY PURSUING THE RESTORATION OF OUR MILITARY AND

ECONOMIC STRENGTH.

8. I HOPE TO SEE YOU FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS AFTER WE RETURN AND WOULD BE HAPPY TO HAVE JOHN HOLDRIDGE APPEAR BEFORE THE FULL COMMITTEE OR STEVE SOLARZ'S SUB-COMMITTEE SO THAT WE CAN ALL CONTRIBUTE TO REACHING THESE GOALS. IN THE MEANTIME, I REMAIN, SINCERELY YOURS, ALEXANDER M. HAIG, JR. HAIG

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